

SUN BEAMS

by WALTER M. BARRETT

Efforts to revive interest in the chamber of commerce, one of the most vital problems facing Truckee, are being made and it was indicated by the enthusiasm at Tuesday night's meeting that these efforts may not be in vain. No one, we are certain, can doubt the necessity of the wide-awake, up-and-coming chamber of commerce and the one way for us to obtain and maintain just that is to attend the meetings, offer suggestions, enter into the discussions either for or against various ideas or projects and work together as a unit for a common good. The chamber of commerce can function for the benefit of all, but so that the best results can be reached cooperation of the businessmen, taxpayers, residents, as individuals and a concern, must be secured. Your chamber of commerce is not a one-man or a six-man organization. It is maintained for each and everyone in the community and if you would have it serve you then you must have only to take an interest and do your part in its welfare. You are just as much a part of the chamber of commerce as you are of this community.

Truckee, Tahoe and Donner Summit during the past weekend enjoyed one of the busiest periods in several years. Winter sport alone were responsible and we are happy to report that that smooth functioning, hard working Truckee Outing Club went to a lot of effort to send the visitors to Truckee back to their homes well satisfied with an enjoyable outing. The entire community gained materially and we should not forget this when the Outing Club asks our continued support.

While we may be personally strongly in favor of incorporation and believe it would have great and lasting benefits in the progress and development of Truckee, we shall not attempt to force this opinion upon anyone. However, from time to time we shall, present, in an unbiased manner authentic facts, answer all questions possible to answer pertaining to the issue and in general make it a point to acquaint everyone with all details available to us so that a fair vote on incorporation may result.

NEVADA SOLON IN MOVE TO CLEAR UP BOCA DAM QUARREL

RENO—Senator Pat A. McCarran has informed ranchers in this section that, in an effort to end the deadlock which has kept control of Boca Dam and reservoir from the Washoe County Water Conservation District, he has asked reclamation bureau officials to make a report on his bill which provides for payment of disputed charges for the construction of the project.

He says he expects a hearing will take place on his bill as soon as the reclamation bureau makes this report.

The reclamation bureau, on completion of the Boca project, sought to collect an additional \$80,000 to the contract price of \$1,000,000, claiming the additional \$80,000 represented extra engineering charges.

The water conservation district and Washoe county officials refused to pay the additional charge, setting out that the contract price was \$1,000,000 and denying the extra engineering charge was required.

As a result the reclamation bureau has refused to turn over control of the project to the local district.

Mandeville Fifth in Nat'l Cross Country Ski Race

Walter Mandeville of the Lake Tahoe Ski Club was among the first five in the 11 kilometer cross country race in the national two-way ski meet near Salt Lake City last Friday.

George Gustafson of Auburn won the event in 51 minutes to nose out the next four, all of who finished in less than a minute. Second was Alf Engen of Sun Valley, national jumping champion and national four-way combined title holder; Fin Rasmussen of Auburn was third; Kaare Engen of Payette Lakes, Idaho, and Mandeville, fifth.

BORN FEBRUARY 22

Michael Martin Phillip Hayes made his bow to the world at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning (Washington's birthday) in a Reno hospital to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hayes of the state quarantine station. Both Mrs. Hayes and the seven pound son are doing nicely and will be home in a few days.

Sierra Sun

"IT SHINES FOR ALL"

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Established in 1869

Ruling To Pave Way For Voting On Incorporation

Decision Favors Petitioners In Seeking Local Election

HEARING IS NEXT

Legal Technicality Cleared After Study Of Petition

The ruling of Superior Judge George L. Jones last week which cleared up a legal technicality in the petition signed by more than 60 Truckee taxpayers, paved the way for holding an election on the question of incorporation.

The action gives County Clerk R. N. McCormack authority to report the petition favorably to the board of supervisors who will prepare the way for holding the election. Date for hearings on the proposal may be fixed at the first meeting in March.

The petition had been held up due to a typographical error in the boundary description. The matter has been delayed since last May when the controversy was started.

Following the hearing on the petition, the board may then set the date for the election.

IDA COSTA IS FETED IN OBSERVANCE OF WEDDING ON FRIDAY

Mrs. Walter Ashton and Mrs. Frank Giovannoni were hostesses last night at a shower honoring Miss Ida Costa, who Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock will become the bride of Edward Cahjlew, operator for the Southern Pacific Company here.

Guests bidden to attend the enjoyable affair were Mesdames Elden Tonini, Anna Tonini, Mary Roquette, Nat. Quilici, Stanley Martin, W. H. Laity, F. W. Gallen, Gino Giovannoni, Glenn Robinson, Nel Spencer, Rose Miller, Joseph Mattos, Peter Lazarri and the guest of honor.

Contract and auction bridge were the diversions and refreshments concluded the jolly party. Decorations were presented in the wedding motif.

Following the wedding, which will be solemnized by Rev. Brewster Adams, Mrs. Sam Costa, mother of the bride-to-be, will be hostess at a wedding dinner at her home here at 3 o'clock Friday. The popular young couple will leave immediately for a honeymoon in Los Angeles before returning to make their home in Truckee.

Mrs. Ashton will be matron of honor and Robert Altucker of Sacramento, a close friend of the bridegroom, will be best man.

Both Miss Costa and Cahjlew are widely known among the younger set and their many friends will join in extending them best wishes.

Tahoe Woman Called to Sick Bed of Close Kin

TAHOE CITY—Mrs. H. H. Hull of Tahoe City went to San Francisco because of the serious illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Al Hull. The younger couple were former residents of Tahoe and well known in Truckee where their friends are hopeful of Mrs. Hull's speedy recovery.

Miss Eunice Duffy is substituting at the Tahoe City telephone exchange for Mrs. H. H. Hull during her absence.

Former Truckee Boy is Advanced in U. S. Army

George Keck, former local boy who enlisted in the U. S. Army several months ago, now stationed at Fort Ord, is now a corporal, according to word received here.

An older brother, Walter, is also in the service, having enlisted in the air corps. He is stationed at a training field in Louisiana.

Miss M. A. Maxsom of Burlingame is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Maxsom this week.

Snow Sports No Fad, Forest Official In Local Meet Declares

Inspection Is Made Through Nation on Winter Playgrounds

Winter sports are not a fad, but are here to stay and will continue to grow year after year.

This is the opinion of R. H. Monahan of Washington, D. C., inspector for the national forest service, who visited the Donner, Truckee and Tahoe area over the past week-end and left for San Francisco to continue a survey of the winter sports activities in the nation following a dinner at the Donner Hotel Monday evening.

Monahan is making the extensive tour for the purpose of determining sound, first-hand information which will be used in guiding the development of winter sports areas for the future. He expressed surprise at the huge crowds which assembled in this area for the week-end.

Guest of honor at the dinner arranged by H. I. Snider, Truckee district ranger, Monahan gave an interesting report on his findings to date and although he reserved any comment on the local situation, he apparently was pleased with the prospects for future development in the area.

Also attending the dinner were other officials of the forest service, including Earl Bockman of the Reno office, James Gibson of San Francisco with the division of recreation, John Hodgson, Big Bend ranger; John Smith, Nevada City; C. J. Bowers and Walter Barrett, both of the Truckee Outing Club; William Maniker of the engineering department in San Francisco and Snider. Members of the Rotary Club dropped in following their meeting to participate in the informal discussion.

Truckee Youth Places In Sugar Bowl Slalom

SUGAR BOWL—A fast open slalom was held on the steep face of Disney Peak Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in which there were eighteen contestants. The best time on the course was made by Graham Zinc of the Sugar Bowl Ski Club, his total time for two runs being 1:42.3.

Second place was taken by Frank Titus of the Truckee Outing Club; time 2:03. Bill Graham was third and Bill Pitcher fourth in this event. Hannes Schroll and Martin Fopp ran the course and Fopp's time bettered that of Schroll by two seconds.

Nevada County Reduces Traffic Deaths in 1940

Nevada county ranked seventh in the counties of the state in percentage of drop in motor vehicle accidents during the last year, Capt. J. E. Blake has been advised. It was one of the few counties which showed a decrease in the number of fatalities, it was reported, nearly a 50 per cent reduction being recorded for last year. This is an exceptionally good record in view of the heavy volume of traffic over the mountainous roads and reflects credit on the local squad.

The total number of deaths in Nevada county was given as seven and the total number of injured was 123. The deaths in Nevada county represent, contrary to the general trend, a decrease of two over 1930.

In Placer in 1940 there were 18 killed, an increase of nine over 1930 and 188 injured.

DRIVER FINED

William Moody, San Francisco, was fined \$50 when he appeared before Justice of the Peace C. E. Smith on a charge of violating the county sobriety ordinance. He was arrested by State Patrolman A. C. Barrick.

Visit Placerville—

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Voss spent the week-end with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Voss in Placerville.

Willard Branson of Soda Springs is one of the 56 new students enrolled at the University of Nevada at the beginning of the second semester.

Snow Sports Attract Big Crowd To Area

Interscholastic Ski Meet is Main Feature Of Program

LOCAL TEAM GOOD

Businessmen Report Volume of Trade For Tow Days

"This is like old times," was the comment of a number of local businessmen who enjoyed a bumper week end patronage over Washington's birthday. Hundreds of winter sports enthusiasts and holiday motorists visited the district to take advantage of the ideal winter and snow conditions for an outing.

A. C. Marts, in charge of the quarantine station, said more than 1600 west-bound cars, mostly from Nevada, passed through the station Sunday. Few of these, he said, were tourists, the major part being snow sport fans intent upon an outing. Many times that number came into the district from the west for the same purpose.

The rope tow and other facilities were kept engaged early and late, C. J. Bowers, in charge of the snow playground, reported and nearly \$150 was derived from the up-ski.

The principal event of the week-end was the California-Nevada Interscholastic Ski Federation's four-way meet on Saturday in which 6 schools took part. Skiers from Meadow Lake Union High School here placed well up in all events.

Skiing for the first time in competition, Bill Waters of Truckee ran the cross-country in 13:22 to place second, just behind Bob Blandin of Auburn who finished in 13:01. Keith Weeden was seventh in the event.

In men's slalom the honor of the local team was upheld by Dave Bolender who placed fifth with a combined time of 1:45.3. Verna Pearson placed sixth in women's slalom.

In the jumping competition the Truckee boys were far and away from the field with Harry Digesti winning the event and Ken Foster and Dave Bolender placing third and fourth respectively.

The Tahoe branch of Placer Union High School was represented on the women's slalom only with Helen Worden placing second and Edna Wheat fourth.

The slalom winners were Chelton Leonard and Alice Hardy, both of Reno.

Team scores have not been fully tabulated but will be available soon.

The American Legion's Washington's birthday dance was acclaimed as an outstanding entertainment and financial success by Commander H.G. Loehr.

A great many neophyte skiers took advantage of the free ski school sponsored by the Truckee Outing Club and the success of the affair promises to make it an annual one. All hotels and resorts for miles around were booked solid for weeks prior, and restaurants were crowded to overflowing.

Local Couple Observe 28th Anniversary at Party

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zorich celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary at a dinner and dancing party at the Reno Tavern on Tuesday night. Among those present were their children, Amelia, Stella and George; Mrs. Lotta Bryant, Norman Rockholm and Pat Harrigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Lawrence of Reno and Mr. Mace of Sacramento joined the party later.

Visits Parents—

Mrs. Charles Mapes of Reno visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Snider over the week-end.

Here From Colusa—

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Davison and daughters of Colusa spent a few days at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Bernag during the past week.

Chinese Death Found To Have Been Suicide After Investigation

Ill Health Blamed as Body of Young Chinese Is Found

Deputy County Coroner W. Harold Laity, after extensive investigation into the finding of the body of Lee Wong, 25 year-old Chinese, near the Southern Pacific bridge at Mystic, announces that the Oriental was apparently a suicide victim. He is believed to have leaped to his death from a passenger train a month ago.

Laity said this deduction was reached after he had communicated with relatives of the dead man in Reno who told him that Wong had suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident last December and since that time had been acting strangely. Often, according to the relatives, he had said he was going to die soon.

A previous theory that the Chinese had clung to the hand grips outside a passenger train until he became exhausted and fell to his death was discarded in the face of the new evidence.

The grim find was made last Thursday by two government engineers making a survey near the bridge. The body was badly mangled and concealed by a clump of brush. It had apparently been there since January 26, the date of a first class railroad ticket from San Francisco to Boise, Idaho, found among Wong's possessions.

Also in his effects were found a check for \$80 signed by Mrs. Elizabeth Skel of Sheep Ranch, Calaveras county, where he had worked recently, three baggage checks, a small amount of cash and a bank book showing a considerable balance.

The investigation was conducted by Laity and Al Pfander, special S. P. officer.

Funeral services will be held here Sunday, Wong's aged father coming from Boise to attend the rites and arrange for disposal of his son's property. A wife and three-year-old child reside in China.

Laity said that no inquest will be held, but that the investigation will be thorough.

Six From Here Eligible For State Championships

The Truckee Outing Club will have six skiers entered in the class B downhill and slalom state championships on March 8 and 9 at Yosemite, according to Bob Bowers, one of the members of the team.

Beside Bowers, Angelo Besio, Bud Zorich, Frank Titus, Jack Sanders and Tony Besio qualified for the event at the meet held here early this month. While Zorich was disqualified in the slalom event for missing a gate, his showing in the downhill was so outstanding that officials sanctioned his competition in the championships.

Officers Quiz Vagrant Of S. P. Train Tragedy

Sacramento officers have been questioning Harmon William Travers, 25, in connection with the wrecking of the Southern Pacific's City of San Francisco near Harney, Nev., in August, 1939. Twenty-four were killed and 117 injured in the accident, which railroad officials said was caused by intentional damage to the tracks. Travers was arrested on a vagrancy charge and said he had been sought in connection with a train wreck.

\$15,000 Suit Filed In Court After Car-Truck Accident

A \$15,000 damage suit opened today in the court of Superior Judge George L. Jones in Nevada City, growing out of an automobile accident near Soda Springs on July 30 last year.

The plaintiff, Frank Anderson, alleges the injuries he sustained were the direct result of the carelessness of Ernest Kinkle, Beckley Trucking Company driver, who he named as co-defendant with the transportation firm.

THE WEEK'S WEATHER

(Courtesy U. S. Forest Service)

Precipitation since Feb. 20 . . . 43 in.
Precipitation since Sep. 1 . . . 22.95 in.
Over normal for season . . . 6.36 in.
Depth of snow today . . . 23 in.
Min. Temperature (Feb. 20-27) 18 deg.
Max. Temperature (Feb. 20-27) 47 deg.
Skiing Conditions Good
Three storms east-bound off coast

Plan To Revive Local Chamber Gaining Favor

Night Meetings Twice Each Month to Replace Luncheons

PROJECTS OUTLINED

Public Camp Here Will Be Publicized During Season

Because of the inability of the majority of the members to meet during the noon hour on Monday of each week, the meeting dates for the chamber of commerce have been changed to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and will be held at Bank of America at 8 P.M.

This action was taken by the unanimous vote of the 20 members who attended the session Tuesday night. This move was made to give every member and potential member a voice in the conduct of the chamber.

Several locally important matters were discussed at the meeting including a project to promote the use of the Truckee Public Camp ground situated near the ranger station and equipped with all the necessary facilities including water, toilets, stoves, tables, benches, etc. Gene Barton was named to head the committee to promote this idea.

E. L. Loynd was chosen head of a committee to work out an equitable rate of dues for members. N.E. (Tom) Dolley volunteered as head of the cleanup committee which may resume activities in the spring. F. W. Gallen reported progress on the project to have the main street, Commercial Row, paved to the sidewalk and said a complete report can be expected at the next meeting.

Other programs were tentatively discussed and will be acted upon in future meetings.

THESE ARE GOOD OLD DAYS SAYS ROTARY SPEAKER MONDAY

Contrary to the oft-expressed opinion of the pessimists that Truckee is on the decline, Yell Nobles, manager of the Bank of America here on Monday night told members guests of the Truckee-Tahoe Rotary Club that the town is progressing in a healthy, substantial way.

The bank is doing more business than ever before, building activities are always increasing, electric consumption is greater and many other undisputed evidences point to anything but a recession, he declared. He urged the listeners to baulk for the future and not heed those who have a hopeless viewpoint.

The meeting was held at Tony's Coffee Shop with Theodore Schleuter presiding. Bert Weeden was program chairman. Guests were Dr. W. D. Teeple, George Hayes, James Brown, Jean Crandall and Ben Hitchcock.

History Class Presents Patriotic Program Here

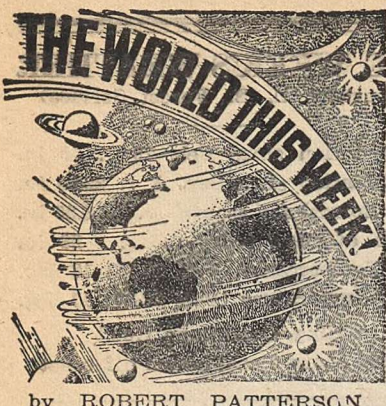
The U. S. History class of Meadow Lake Union High School, under the supervision of G. E. Hofmann, presented a memorial program in honor of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Readings were given on the lives of the two men and Lincoln's Gettysburg address was given.

Students on the program last Friday were Lena and Leta Tennis, Laura Angelini, Elizabeth Gates, Clara Belle Lewis, Phyllis Marts, Azad Joseph, Ruth Mae Cozzallo and Lee Fusinger.

POT LUCK DINNER

Plans have been completed for the pot-luck dinner being arranged by the Pythian Sisters to be held at Odd Fellows hall Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The Knights of Pythias have been invited to participate in the evening's fun.

Lee Joan Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ellis, had a birthday cake with two candles on February 17.



STORM AHEAD

The world this week was waiting nervously for the blood-red sunrise of warfare in a new quarter of the globe. But whether it would strike in the Balkans, the Mediterranean, or in Far Eastern waters was anyone's guess. Germany's long-delayed thrust against the British empire, in the view of certain strategists—including Prime Minister Churchill of England—might take the form of an all-out attack at three points simultaneously: an attempt at invasion of England, coupled with a drive against Gibraltar, and against Singapore, the great air and naval fortress which is the guardian of Britain's Far Eastern empire. Meanwhile Japan, in uneasy partnership with its German ally, has continued to play its game of "touch and go", alternating belligerent words and deeds with protestations of affection for peace. But Japan's uncertainty is matched by America's. To placate or to take decisive and warning action? Unless the nation makes up its mind, events over which it will have no control will make them up for her.

Directory

Professional

I am now associated with my brother, Dr. A. A. Cozzalio at 405 Medico-Dental Bldg. in Reno, Phone Reno 8281. I will be pleased to see my patients there.

Dr. C. C. Cozzalio

FRANK G. FINNEGAN
Attorney at Law

NEVADA CITY, Telephone 273

Fraternal

TRUCKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Weekly luncheon held each Monday at noon. Meeting place is posted in The Sierra Sun office window. You are urged to attend.

W. M. BARRETT, president.
LOTTA BRYANT, secretary

TRUCKEE LIONS CLUB



Meets every Wednesday evening at 7 P. M.

W. M. ENGLEHART, Jr., Pres
W. M. ENGLEHART, Sr., Secty

TRUCKEE-TAHOE ROTARY CLUB

Meets Every Monday at 7 P. M.

Theodore Schleuter, Pres.
L. A. Greene, Secretary.

TRUCKEE POST NO. 439 AMERICAN LEGION



Meets the First Tuesday of Each Month in the Capitol Clubrooms.

HENRY LOHR, Commander
VERNON PEARSON, Adjutant

SUMMIT LODGE NO. 54 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Meets Every Friday in Odd Fellows Hall

Visiting Brothers Welcomed
ROBERT B. TONINI, C.C.
W. M. Englehart, Sr., K. of R. & S.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

TRUCKEE AERIE No. 1124



Meets first and third Thursday at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Frank Kinne, Pres.
C. E. Smith, Sect'y

Officers of the TRUCKEE LODGE NO. 200 F. & A. M.

R. A. Feathers, W. M.
G. T. Hofmann, Sect'y

Lodge Meets Every Third Thursday.
SUMMIT TEMPLE NO. 79 PYTHIAN SISTERS
Meets Second and Fourth Thursday at Odd Fellows Hall in Truckee

PEARL HELLER, Excellent Chief.
RITA OROZ, M. R. and C.

INSURANCE FOR DEFENSE

In the violent disputes which wracked French industry in the years preceding the war stands one cause of the military weakness which brought France to her knees. To avoid any repetition of that ill-will, that lack of cooperation between employer and employees which provide such drag weights on the French armament drive, William Knudsen, OPM chief, has added the weight of his opinion to oppose legislation outlawing strikes. His view coincides with that of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce which also sees in such a drastic step not a means of preventing strikes, but only of making them illegal and fanning the flames of conflict. Nevertheless, the spreading number of defense industry strikes makes clear the need of some type of Federal legislation to keep the gears of defense plants from locking. A required time interval before a strike can take effect, a period long enough to allow tempers to cool and mediation to be carried on, stands as the best insurance against swift and crippling breakdowns in the rearmament drive.

LOST CITIES OF AMERICA

High in the Peruvian Andes, a scientific expedition has pulled back the veil covering the face of the long, distant past with the discovery of the ruins of two ancient Inca cities. This, say members of the expedition, promises to uncover "an enormous empire of the pre-Inca races" and yield clues to the ancient Indian civilization of South America. The ruins of these lost cities, found buried in a forest 12,000 feet above sea level, are said to rival in magnitude the great pyramids of Egypt. For the beginnings of its own civilizations, the Western hemisphere must look to Mexico and to the South American continent where cities, in culture, arts, handicrafts, architecture and mathematics, reached a high peak of development long before the pillaging conquistadores of Spain set foot in the Western world. As yet, comparatively little is known of these ancient Indian civilizations, or how or why they vanished, but thanks to continuing explorations, the America's past is being recaptured and made known to all.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Of all the weeks the nation is given to celebrating, few, if any, are more worthy of honor than Brotherhood Week in which churches and organizations of all creeds and races are participating. Auspiciously opening on Washington's birthday, this week enjoys the unwritten sanction of the Bill of Rights itself. For in those imperishable first ten amendments to the Constitution are the guarantees of freedom, the guarantees of every man to worship as he sees fit. From the days of the Pilgrim founders, fleeing Europe's oppression, down to the present hour, the New World of America has been a sanctuary from tyranny where men of good will of all creeds, of all nations, may walk fearless and upright, united by their common devotion to this, the land of free men.



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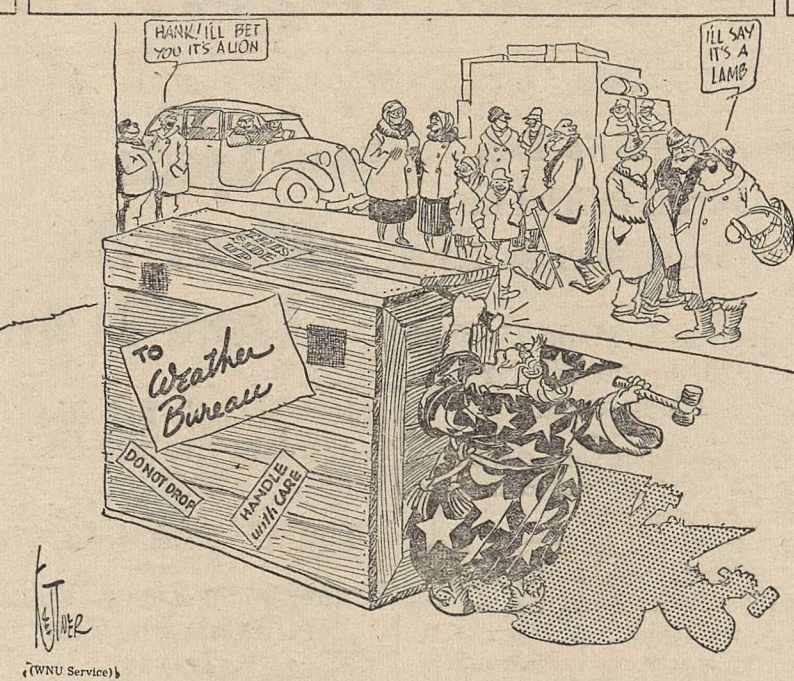
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Lion or Lamb?



EDITORIALS

KINGS AND COMMONERS

In renouncing from his sick bed all claim to the Spanish throne in favor of his son, King Alfonso stated his belief that he thought it a favorable time for Spain to open the way for restoration of the monarchy.

Once the most popular of monarchs, the former king proved no match for the rising tide of republicanism which swept him aside ten years ago. In his farewell message to the Spanish people last week the exiled monarch, like any father, expressed a desire that his son carry on in his footsteps.

But the age of monarchs and nobles, of those who ruled by right of royal birth, received its fatal blow during the World War. The handful of kings who managed to survive that upheaval have not been rulers but figureheads, faded symbols of the majesty that once long ago attended kingship.

The reins of power have been seized by unstarts of humble origin—Hitler, the son of an impoverished petty government official; Mussolini, the son of a blacksmith; Stalin, the son of peasant shoe maker. But this breed of men, whatever their talents as administrators, orators and revolutionists, have marked no advance over those they displaced. These new-comers to power have re-established tyrannies as despotic as any known in the past.

In Spain, as in Italy today, a king would reign only at the sufferance of the dictator. A king could end neither the hunger nor poverty now besieging war-weakened Spain. He could bring only an empty title—shoddy material for binding the wounds of a suffering people.

DRUNKENNESS PUBLICLY CONDONED

Drunken driving, which is universally condemned on the highways and airways, is apparently condoned on the railways—and by government edict!

The case in question involves an engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Over a year ago this man was discharged for drunkenness after members of his crew and a competent examining physician had testified he was absolutely unfit to handle an engine due to alcohol. Five years before the same man had been discharged for a similar offense, and was reinstated with the understanding that another violation of this basic safety rule could not be tolerated. He was also discharged in 1937 for violation of another rule, but again he was taken back.

Last November, the First Division of the National Railroad Adjustment Board ordered the engineer reinstated, with seniority rights unimpaired, and with pay for all time lost after March 1, 1940. The Board based its decision purely on a technicality, involving the procedure of the railroad's inquiry into the case. And it did this in the face of the fact that it had been carried on fairly and impartially, and in spite of the further fact that there was no denial or doubt as to the condition of drunkenness.

The railroad's position is further complicated in that the portion of its system over which the engineer is entitled to run is in a state which makes it a criminal offense for a railroad to knowingly continue the employment of an engineer who has been found guilty of intoxication while on duty.

This whole thing seems to call for a real investigation. An engineer who is drunk endangers the lives of hundreds of people and of thousands of dollars represented in railroad property. The railroad did its inescapable duty to the public and other employees when it discharged that engineer. Such a decision as the one made by the federal board, if allowed to stand, seems as dangerous to public safety and welfare as is a drunken engineer at the throttle of an engine.

BANNER CROP

The United States produced its biggest crop of babies in ten years in 1940, the census bureau reports. That banner record has added 2,350,000 newcomers to the ranks of American citizens. Among other things, this upward jerk in the birth rate has shown that America is doing nicely, thank you, and without benefit of the pep talks and government bonuses being tried in other countries.

My Place In The Sun

by DOUG BARRETT

For the improved showing the local high school ski team made at the I.S.F. meet here last Saturday, don't fail to give all due credit to the board of trustees for its foresight in hiring Coach Earl Edmunds. And while credit is going where credit is due, don't overlook the maestro himself. "Ed" leaves own ski school at Soda Springs three P.M.s a week to come to town and put the kids through their paces. The relatively poor showing of the local squad has been improved vastly all through the season and with almost the whole bunch returning next year and with the same coach, talk among the experts is that the MLUHS ski team will be able to stand up with the best of them when the time comes 'round next year.

I ran into my artist friends, the Jolley Brothers, on the Truckee River bridge this week admiring the wondrous, rippling rhythm of our unique and marvelous "young man river". Did you ever stop to think about the real and unspoiled beauty of that stream and its tributaries? It has an independent spirit that characterizes the adjacent country and its people. Instead of following the lead of just any old muddy river to the ocean, it dashes its lively way, with systematic madness, over rocks and around islands, into the majestic fastness of Nevada's desert; bringing the blood of life into western Nevada. Yes, sir, the Truckee is a real American river: clean, moving, independent, unconquerable, free and powerful.

While still on the bridge I met Gus Hofmann and his wife and he pointed over the rail into the river to show me a dandy trout that had his name on it. I couldn't see the name very clearly, but Prof. Hofmann insists it was there and he ought to know his own name when he sees it, shouldn't he?

Peering out the office window I spotted Walt Loynd in his grey smock coming from the depot to the drug store. . . . Barber Frank Kinne over by the grease wrack across the road taking a barber's holiday and talking. . . . Truckee's five-and-dime magnet, Lloyd Greene looking neat as a pair of pins—as usual. . . . the top of Martin Oroz' noggin and skis bobbing along. Believe me, he may be one of our smallest ski teamsters but he's rapidly becoming an expert. . . . Constable Botcher with his hands in his pockets. . . . a slightly tipsy tourist looking for all the world like an unexpected event that forgot to happen.

At the Churches

Catholic Church

Rev. William Daly, Priest
NORDEN School House 8 a.m.
TRUCKEE Church 9:30 a.m.

Community Church

Rev. G. J. E. Keetch, Minister
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 A. M.
MORNING WORSHIP 11 A. M.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE 6P. M.

Christian Science Service

In all Christian Science churches, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., a Lesson-Sermon will be read Sunday, March 2, on the subject "Christ Jesus".

The Golden Text will be: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. . . . Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isaiah 9: 6, 7). Bible selections will include the following passage from Matthew 1: 22, 23: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God, with us."

A passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included, which reads as follows: "The history of Jesus shows him to have been more spiritual than all other earthly personalities. Wearing in part a human form (that is, as it seemed to mortal view), being conceived by a human mother, Jesus was the mediator between Spirit and the flesh, between Truth and error" (p. 315).

Pocketbook in Background
"Society," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "will always welcome with open arms the man with the open pocketbook."

Home Makers Corner

by Katherine Kerry

The meatless days of Lent can be a chore if you haven't a definite plan. There are just loads of interesting ways of getting around the problem. There are fresh fish, the canned varieties, which include tuna, salmon, crab and many others, eggs prepared in innumerable ways, and of course the ever-popular cheese dishes. One of my favorites is the following:

MOCK CHICKEN CASSEROLE

Four tablespoons butter; 4 tablespoons flour; 2½ cups milk; 1 small package potato chips; 1 cup flaked tuna; ½ cup sliced mushrooms; juice of ½ lemon; salt and pepper to taste. Melt butter, add flour and blend well, then add the seasonings and then add the milk gradually. When thickened stir in the flaked tuna, mushrooms and three-fourths of the potato chips that have been crushed before removing from the package. Put in a buttered casserole and cover with the remaining potato chip crumbs. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

With this serve peas with a teaspoon of California-grown beet sugar added, and Harvard beets, which give a good flavor and color contrast.

HARVARD BEETS

Cook and prepare as usual and combine with the following sauce: ½ cup vinegar; ½ cup California-grown beet sugar and 1½ tablespoons cornstarch.

Fun's fun and so is cooking, if you will just let yourself go and not be hidebound and taw with the same old things, day in and day out. Just because you like blue, is a sign you are going to wear blue every day of the year, so that people can identify you by calling you "the lady in blue."

There are lots of cooking tricks you can keep up our sleeve until the minute they are needed, and as long as quiz seems to be the order of the day, I am going to quiz you and see if you have used any of the following:

1. Did you ever add a teaspoonful of California-grown beet sugar to your carrots or peas while they are cooking? It improves them a thousand percent.
2. Did you ever serve slices of fried egg plant on the platter of crispy fried fish as your Friday dinner?
3. Do you ever add a few raisins to your muffin batter?
4. Did you ever fix celery as you would potatoes au gratin with white sauce, cheese and a topping of bread crumbs? The celery is precooked and later browned in the oven.
5. Did you ever add a stiffly beaten egg white to the mayonnaise when whipped cream is not available to make it light and delicate for a fruit salad?
6. Did you ever add a little horseradish to your applesauce when served as a boon companion to roast pork?

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Covering the Legislature

by ALLEN G. THURMAN
(Assemblyman for the Sixth District)

This week your assemblyman is in Sacramento sitting as a member of the joint ways and means committee which is holding hearings on the state budget. The committee is composed of members of both houses and as a result of the week's hearings, prior to the reconvening of the legislature, it is believed that the budget will be adopted, whether amended or not, at least a month earlier than it was during the session two years ago.

Some criticism of the budget has been heard and there are some legislators who feel that several millions of dollars can be saved the taxpayers by making certain cuts. If, as some of these legislators think, the budget can be reduced without any serious curtailment of state functions, quite naturally this writer will support such changes in the budget.

Our national defense program is costing the people of the United States billions of dollars. You and I and every citizen in the nation will have to foot this immense defense bill and the vast majority of the American people are for the national defense program. As while our federal taxes are mounting for our national defense, we should, in our state and county governments, do everything in our power to lessen the local tax load. And with that in mind, your assemblyman will do all in his power to help lighten the tax burden.

The writer has received numerous communications regarding the various proposals to consolidate the counties into groups of larger counties dividing the state into nine or fifteen counties instead of the present 58. We believe that we can definitely state that any such proposal will have little chance of being enacted into law by the legislature. Our county governments are just about the last home rule that we have left. And you can rest assured that your legislature is certainly not going to take that home rule away from you.

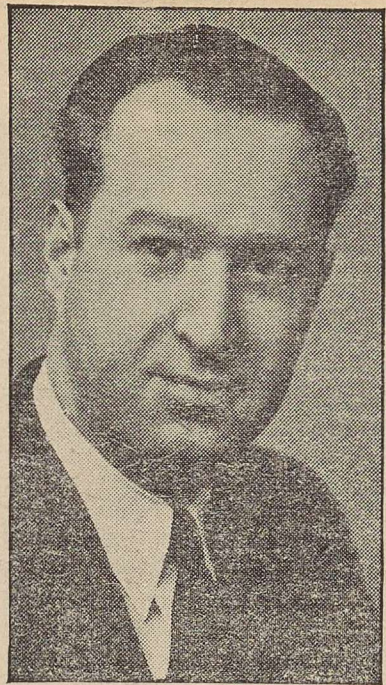
When the legislature reconvenes next week, the big problems as we see it, will be the budget, relief and reappointment. And according to Speaker Gordon Garland, these matters will be handled first so that all major issues will be out of the way earlier than usual and the legislators will not have to consider these vital matters when they are more or less fagged out near the close of the session.

The speaker also predicts that the number of bills which will be brought before the lower house will be smaller than the number presented at the last regular session because, as he states, "The unbiased assembly committees with not throw every bill that comes before it onto the floor or clog the calendar."

The writer extends to the readers of this newspaper and the people of the Sixth Assembly district an invitation to call on us at the Assembly Chamber whenever they are in Sacramento. Any citizen who is interested in seeing the legislature at work will be welcome and a seat will be found for them, either behind the rail or in the gallery.

We also extend to the principals of the grammar schools an invitation for them to bring their 7th and 8th grade pupils to visit the legislature while it is in session. The same invitation to high school or junior college classes is also extended. All such classes desiring to visit the legislature should advise me in advance either through their school principal or class teacher.

New N.Y.A. Division Head



Herbert G. Prodger

Robert Wayne Burns, California National Youth Administrator, has announced the appointment of Herbert G. Prodger as Director of the State Division of Work Projects. Born in Grass Valley, California, Mr. Prodger has been in charge of the San Francisco District office of the NYA for five years. In his new position, he will direct the work of over 22,000 youths, and the operation of all projects on the NYA out-of-school program. Mr. Prodger brought to the NYA in 1935 a background of successful business experience with the Los Angeles Steamship Co., Southern Pacific Co., and Hale Brothers Department Store of San Francisco.

Wax Room Gossip

by KLISTER

SUGAR BOWL— Saturday seemed like Sunday there were so many people trying to get onto the lodge porch and onto the chair lift. Sunday seemed like one of those days the less talked about the better: Mobs, mobs, mobs. All enjoying the snow.

Bud Smith, Sir Galahad of the Sugar Bowl Ski School, (he comes from Stockton) found ski teaching a perilous proposition the other day. When ringing the ski school bell for morning class, Bud cut his elbow, open and was patched up. While punching a ticket before class in the afternoon, Bud cut his finger and was again glued together. Before completely falling to pieces, the other ski instructors popped him into bed. Bud is all right now.

Guess anything is possible. Jerome Hill, jitter-bug expert, has found a way to introduce this neurotic form of dancing onto the ski slopes. The story goes that he jitter-bugged on skis all the way down from the top of the lift to the bottom. Believe it or not.

In view of the fact that the first ski club known was founded in the Sierras in 1857—called the Alturas Snowshoe Club—twenty years before the first ski club in Europe—it is planned to call the Walt Disney ski short "Skiing is American". A most pertinent piece of flag waving.

Torch skiing has long been a form of night amusement and from a spectators standpoint is a beautiful sight. Twice during the past two weeks we have watched torch bearing skiers swing down Disney Peak and also from the top of Mount Lincoln. One day soon we hope to see a well run torch light slalom with a prize for the guy who doesn't get lost.

The Sugar Bowl Ski Patrol is scheduled to make its first reconnoitering tour over to Lake Tahoe today. Report of the trip is sent to the headquarters of the National Ski Patrol in New York and then passed on to the U. S. Army boys who probably will sit back in their swivel chairs and give thanks to Valhalla that they are not on the run.

Traveling Around America

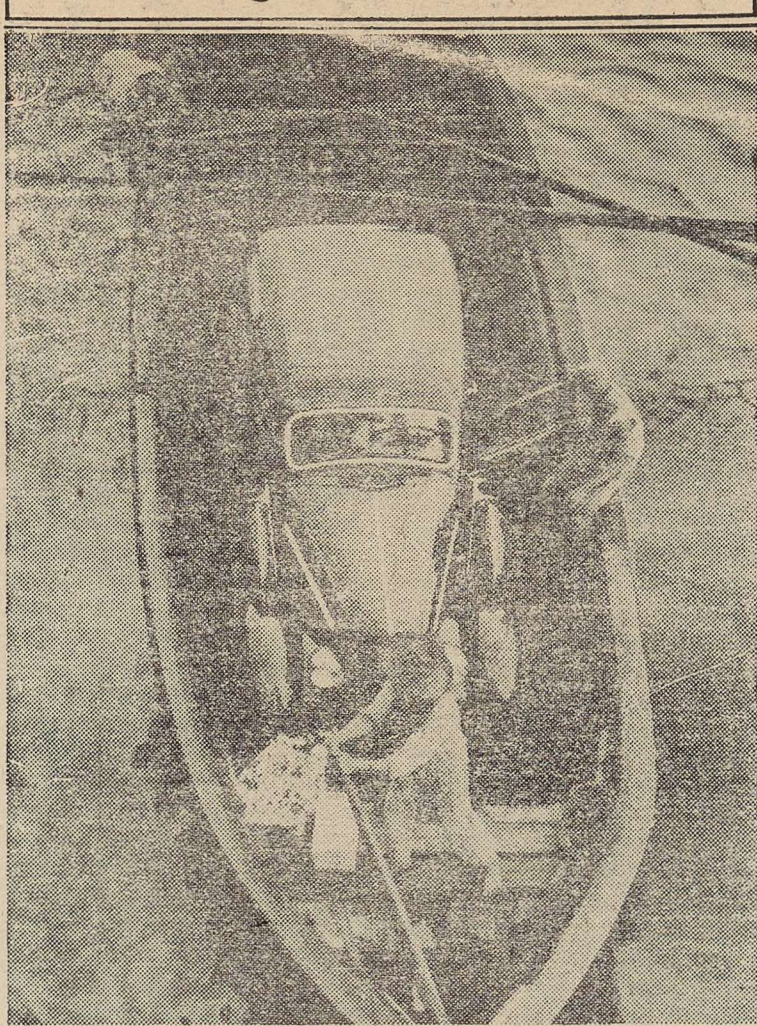


Photo Grace Line

ROWING A CAR!

THIS is no accident victim being rowed home. It's a ship-to-shore delivery, at Arica, Chile, of birthday presents destined for a lovely lady in La Paz, Bolivia. It sounds complicated—and it is, more or less! La Paz, highest capital in the world, rests 12,000 feet above sea level in a republic which has no sea coast and must needs use ports in Peru and Chile—for communication with other parts of the world.

In the first lap of the journey between New York and the skytop capital, this automobile traveled 4,500 miles without turning a wheel—in the hold of one of the luxurious ships which carries passengers and freight each fortnight between New York and Chile. At Arica the automobile was swung over the side of the liner and dropped into

this over-sized rowboat for the trip to shore—for at Arica large ocean liners cannot discharge freight or passengers direct to the dock, but must use lighters. The transfer of the automobile to one of these little boats bobbing around on the waves below is a thrilling feat to watch, particularly if the sea is rough. Often a sudden wave swings the boat out of position just as the car is being lowered into it—and the latter just misses being dropped into the sea. Somehow, though, such cargo always arrives safely on the dock. Thence it makes the 273-mile, 20-hour journey by rail to the Bolivian capital. Such are the experiences of a shiny new car destined as a birthday present for a lovely lady in La Paz.

EDNA MAE STARR.

Tahoe Region News Briefs

Stirling Rolphs of Big Chief Camp has joined the Lake Tahoe Gun Club, as has Rex Tollefsen, also of Big Chief.

Charles Swanson received his appointment as deputy sheriff this week from Sheriff Silva.

Two minor injuries on the ski hill on Saturday were received by Leonard Long of Alameda who sprained his left ankle and by D. W. Gordon of Berkeley who cut a gash in his thumb while sliding on a piece of corrugated iron. Both were given first aid by Harry Johanson of the National Ski Patrol.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crandall entertained a house party of guests for the week-end at their Tahoe Park home.

Reports are current locally that the highway crew will open the road around Emerald Bay shortly. Traffic was heavy on lakeshore highways over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Watson motored to Auburn on Sunday to visit friends, Mrs. Diamanta Vanni and her son, Carlo, accompanied them.

Herbert Obexer of Homewood, who is on the Stanford University ski

team, competed at the state championship meet at Shasta last weekend. Carl Bechdolt, Jr., Roy Mikkelsen and Dave Renner left for Snoqualmie Pass, Wash., where they will enter the national ski jumping meet.

Mrs. C. A. Kreuger of Beverly Hills arrived last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Carnell, for an extended visit. Miss Mary Kreuger and Lamar Kreuger accompanied their mother to Lake Tahoe, returning the next day to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames Wheat of San Bernardino spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wheat of Tahoe City.

Miss Ella Jane Bach of San Francisco was a weekend guest at the John Pingree home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Callender of Homewood returned to their lakeshore home Sunday with their son, Billy, after an extended eastern trip. Mrs. Harriet Hemeover of Oakland accompanied the family on the trip and is a guest at their Tahoe home.

Mrs. W. C. Siefert and family of Piedmont spent the holiday at their home at Meeks Bay Vista.

Lake Tahoe News

by ANNE B. ANDERSON

NEWLY-WEDS HAVE WEEK-END AT LAKE ON FEBRUARY 22-23

LAKE TAHOE— Two weddings of interest locally occurred in Reno over the holiday week-end, the participants motoring up from Carmel-by-the-Sea to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swanson in the Sunnyside district at Tahoe.

Miss Jacquelyn Mae Miller, 19, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Swanson and Samuel J. Miller, Carmel contractor, on Saturday, February 22, was married to Jerry Kincaid, 21, at a quiet ceremony performed by Rev. Father O'Meara at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in the presence of a small group of relatives and friends. She wore a street dress of aqua, with tan accessories, and a cluster of gardenias. Her sister Miss Marie Louise Miller of Reno was her only attendant, Robert Hughes acting as best man for the groom.

Mrs. Kincaid is a graduate of the Moreland Notre Dame academy at Watsonville, and is well known at Tahoe where she has spent many summers over the past nine years. Her husband, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kincaid of Trespinos, attended Hollister high school.

Miss Eleanor Kincaid, his sister, attired in navy with red accessories and wearing gardenias, was married earlier in the afternoon to Roger Hughes at a civil ceremony performed at the Reno court house. They were attended by the Kincaids.

The party returned to the Swanson home for dinner, accommodations for the week-end being found for the visitors at Ward Creek Camp and the James Wilson home at Pomona. Mr. and Mrs. Al Wilson and son, Wayne, of Oakland arrived to join the festivities Saturday evening. The entire party attended the Tahoe Ski Club dance at community hall on Saturday night.

Native of Hobart Mills

One of the grooms, Mr. Hughes, is not a stranger in these parts, having been born in Hobart Mills. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hughes, now reside in Oakland. An aunt and uncle, the F. Waltz, live in Reno.

On Sunday the party enjoyed several hours of skiing and frolicking in the snow on the lakeshore near the Wilson home. After five a gala turkey dinner was served by the Wilsons and Swansons at the former's home. A beautifully decorated wedding cake graced the center of the table where early yellow daffodils also lent a festive air. Guests attending, besides the hosts, included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beach of Monterey, who accompanied the wedding party from Carmel, the Oakland Wilsons, Mrs. Phyllis Carroll, Marie Miller and Bill Steenis of Reno, and he honorees. All but the James Wilsons attended the weddings.

The party left for home on Sunday evening, both newly-wed couples to make their homes in the Carmel Valley, where the grooms are engaged in business.

Miss Peggy Arthur and Charlie Morgan both of Alhambra were guests for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Geier of Rubicon Park. Miss Arthur is the daughter of Mrs. Geier.

R. K. Davies, accompanied by his daughters Marian and Ellen, spent the weekend holiday at their Rubicon Park home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carnell left on Sunday for San Francisco on a short business trip.

TAHOE SKIERS SHOW ABILITY IN STATE, NATIONAL SKI MEETS

TAHOE CITY—Contestants representing the Lake Tahoe Ski Club won many prizes over the past week-end. At Mount Shasta where the state championship jumping meet was held. In class A Carl Bechdolt, Jr. was second; in class C, Billy Bechdolt won first and Dick Carnell second; and in class C Pete Vanni was first. At Salt Lake, according to reports received here, Walter Mandeville was fourth in the national combined cross country and jumping event.

While Tahoe skiers were gathering new laurels in different places, the home slopes and hills were dotted with hundreds of skiers and winter sports fans who kept the ski tow busy continually over the holiday.

Every resort in the lake region which was open was filled to capacity. At Tahoe Inn American Trust Company employees from San Francisco were registered also at Tahoe Summers Resort, Simmonds, Wagners, Worden's Ward Creek Camp and many others were filled up. The trust company group made the trip via the latest model streamlined Diesel-powered Greyhound buses and all voted their week-end holiday the finest they could possibly have.

Next week-end Bank of America employees of the bay region will spend their second week-end of the season here, as they enjoyed the first so much.

Meeks Bay Philanthropic Club Has Pot-Luck Dinner

by MRS. PEARL HELLER

MEEKS BAY— Twenty-one members and three guests enjoyed the H and W Philanthropic club's pot-luck dinner that preceded Monday night's meeting.

The ways and means committee for March was named with Phil Geier as chairman to be assisted by Jay Schumacher and Sim Brown.

Guests at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Loynd of Truckee and Jim Fraiser of Tahoe.

Games and dancing was the evening's diversion, Mrs. Clara Luke and Phil Geier winning the awards.

Week-end guests at the A. M. Anderson home on Lakeview Drive were Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans of Oakland.

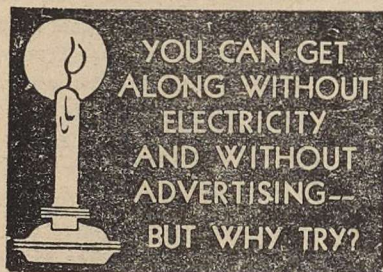
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Liquor Law Changes Are Sought In Bills

by JOHN W. DUNLAP
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

SACRAMENTO —(UP)— The board of equalization has long since outgrown its original function of tax questions and is primarily concerned with alcoholic beverages, excepting the fact that the sales tax administration is no small task.

An interesting court case illustrates how far the scope of the liquor trade extends under the board. It involved the decision of the third district court of appeals (Feb. 21) upholding the right of the board to refuse to grant a liquor license in the city of Pacific Grove in Monterey county, where liquor never has been sold legally.

The Sacramento county superior court previously had upheld the board in its denial of the license to Anton E. Hansen. The board and appellate court explained that restrictions against liquor had always been on the property in the town, that the city was originally conceived and laid out as a religious camp meeting ground by the Methodist church, and that the sale of liquor would not be fitting in such a community.

The troublesome problem of liquor was handed the equalization board somewhat against its will, and some what against its will, and some of the members would just as soon have the proposed reorganization measures take effect and restore the board to its original function. There are a sheaf of bills in the legislature which would have varying effect on the board and its duties.

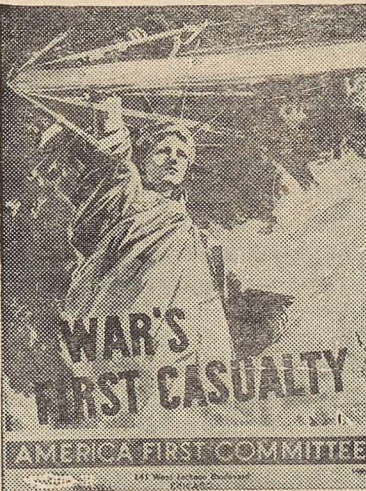
A new alcoholic beverage control board would supplant the present equalization board in several bills. The present districts would be rearranged, with 1, Los Angeles; 2, San Francisco and Alameda; 3, northern counties; 4, central counties; 5, southern California. Members would receive a per diem of \$15 while on business, instead of the present \$5,000 in one bill, while another would pay the director of the board \$10,000 per year.

Another controversial bill was submitted by Assemblyman Clyde Watson of Orange to permit the legislature to transfer the duties of the board to any other state agency.

A California liquor commission to handle wholesaling of all intoxicating liquor except malt beverages was asked by Assemblyman Godfrey Andreas. Local option to give cities and counties the right to license liquor sales instead of the state, was suggested by Assemblyman Eleanor Miller of Pasadena.

Another headache for the board is the difficulty in enforcing the regulation against selling liquor to minors.

LIBERTY GOES FIRST



Poster being distributed nationally by the America First Committee through its 700 chapters in cities throughout the country. Individuals in other communities also are having the poster displayed in shop windows and other prominent places. It warns Americans that their liberty will be the first casualty if this country enters the European war.

Some establishments have very few scruples about serving to youths, while others are unable to determine whether a young man or woman is past 21.

To get around this situation, Miss Miller has a bill to require identification cards for liquor purchasers between 21 and 30. Since young men already have draft cards for identification and age, the practical effect of the law would be to force young women to secure the licenses.

Other bills called for identification pictures on liquor permits and nominal-priced licenses for drinkers.

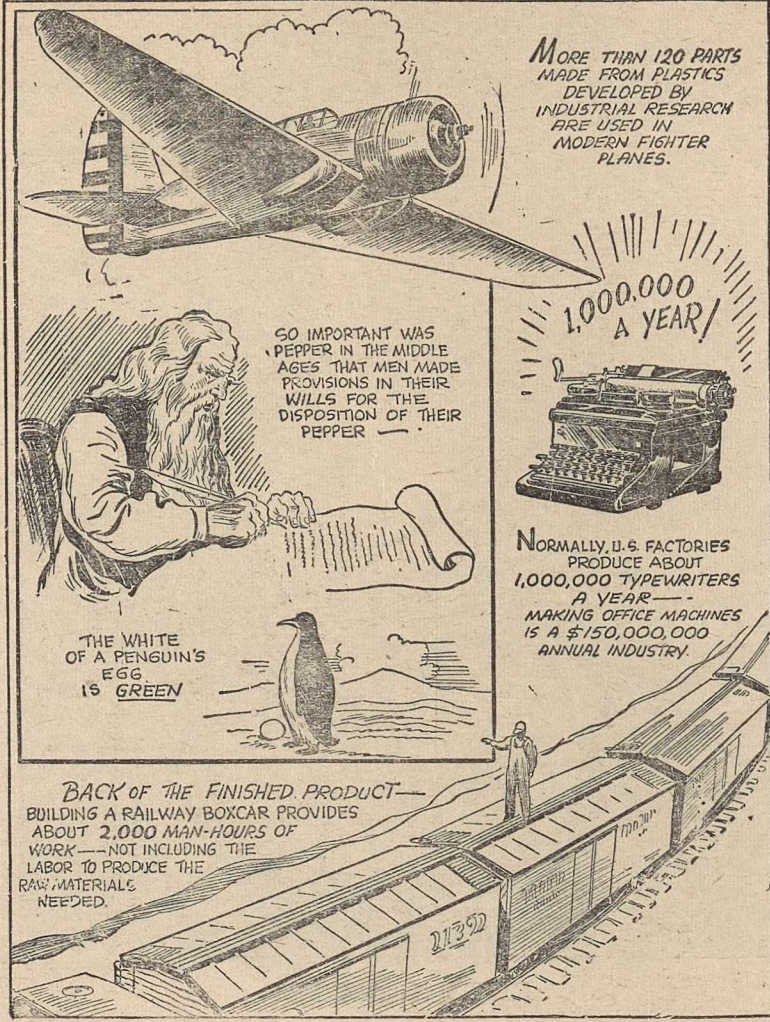
Liquor control officers keep constant vigilance to prevent liquor sales past the 2 a.m. closing hour. One way of enforcing the rule was suggested in several bills to force bars, cafes and restaurants to lock up their entire liquor supply if they stay open past the hour.

Peace officers also have their troubles in determining if a person is drunk or not, particularly motorists. Several bills are before the legislature to set up various tests, such as the Hugh Burns bill that if a person had 5-100ths of 1 per cent of alcohol, by weight, or less, in his blood, that would be prima facie evidence he was not intoxicated. But if there was more than 15-100ths of 1 per cent in his blood, he would be legally drunk.

The sheriff's association in convention at Sacramento sidestepped a definite commitment on that bill and there will be plenty of discussion before it is finally disposed of.

Bills affecting the board as now set up would give each of the four

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NEW PHONE BOOKS TO BE GIVEN OUT HERE ON MONDAY

Delivery of a new telephone directory to subscribers here will be started Monday, March 3, by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, according to A. P. Leitch, local manager.

The new book circulates in Sacramento, Amador, Butte, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties, and a part of Sierra and Solano counties, and is delivered personally and by mail throughout the area.

Leitch explained that it is particularly important that the new grey-covered directory be used when calling telephones in Sacramento, because all telephones in that city have been given new five digit numbers to operate with the dial system to be inaugurated at about 1:30 A. M., Sunday, March 2. These new numbers appear only in the new directory, Leitch said.

The new book contains a new "type face" which has been developed especially for Bell System directories in an endeavor to give maximum readability. It achieves this effect with the use of more white space in each individual letter. The type has been called "Bell Gothic".

Leitch also suggested that a final inspection of the old telephone book be made to remove valuable papers and notes, before exchanging it for the new issue.

Distribution of the new directory will be completed by Thursday, March 6. Subscribers who do not receive their copies by that time are requested to call the company's business office and a copy will be provided.

Early California Paper Had Stormy Existence

In existence only six weeks in the early part of 1852, the Western American, an exempt deputy, raise their salaries from \$5,000 to \$6,000 in one bill and \$7,200 in another, and have five elected members instead of four.

MOVES MADE TO PUT FISH AND GAME TO CAPITOL CITY OFFICE

SACRAMENTO —(UP)— The state department of natural resources is attempting to transfer to Sacramento headquarters of its divisions of fish and game, parks, mining and oil and gas, all now located in San Francisco, Deputy Director Warner L. Marsh revealed this week.

As one of the first steps in that direction, Marsh said, the fish and game commission at its meeting Friday in Los Angeles will discuss removal of the division's property records to Sacramento.

The official said that the division of parks already had transferred its accounting department to the state capital and that the division of fish and game was expected to take similar action soon.

Only the lack of adequate office space, Marsh said, has prevented the wholesale transfer of the staffs here.

The principal reason for the new administrative policy of consolidation in Sacramento, he said, was to simplify purchase of materials. Under the present set-up, purchasing orders take a circuitous route before they are executed.

can, an early California newspaper, had a stormy and colorful career worthy of the lusty journalism of the gold-rush days.

Lawrence Clark Powell, junior librarian on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, has made a special study of this newspaper for the Bibliographical Society of America.

The Western American was founded by Charles Edward Pickett, cousin of the General Pickett of Gettysburg fame. The 32-year-old editor dedicated his paper to governmental reform.

Pickett played rival papers in San Francisco and even tilted with editors in Stockton and Sonoma. Writing of the "Legislature of a Thousand Drinks", which met in San Jose, Pickett described its members as "an infamous, ignorant, drunken, rowdy, perjured and traitorous body of men".

Winter Logging Operations Reported Near Camptonville

NEVADA CITY— For the first time in local history, according to District Ranger Frank Meggers of the Camptonville ranger district, Tahoe National Forest, logging and saw milling is being carried on in the winter. Logging at an elevation of 3400 feet is an event, since ordinarily there is three to four feet of snow covering the whole area this time of the year.

Lumbering materials are being furnished and hauled by the A. J. Heather Lumber Company to the Dutch Flat Tunnel Project, which is also able to continue work this winter.

While the ground is somewhat soft, the logging is being done on the ridges with cat equipped with winch. The hauling is done with trucks equipped with dual pneumatic tires. Improvement in equipment makes this winter work possible.

The cutting consisting mostly of Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir, is being done on government grounds. Marking of trees, scaling and supervision of woods work are all under government regulations.

The lack of snow at this elevation is perhaps due, or at least influenced, by the Japanese Current which has caused the coast waters to be nine degrees warmer than usual. Vegetation has developed about six weeks ahead of normal. Pussy willows, manzanita in bloom, sponge mushroom and water cress have been with us for sometime. So far we have seen only one robin, but by all signs Spring must be "just around the corner".

Director Points to Penalty For False Use Affidavit

SACRAMENTO — Attention was called this week by James W. Carter, director of motor vehicles, to the serious consequences of filing false affidavits of non-operation of motor vehicles to escape payment of delinquent penalties, due after February 4 when the legal period for license renewals expired.

Because it is the practice of the department to investigate carefully all affidavits of non-operation, Carter said, charges of false statements filed against several persons have resulted in sentences as high as thirty days imprisonment and \$50 fine or both. In one Los Angeles case a defendant was required to pay a stiff fine and was given a six months suspended sentence.

When affidavits of non-operation are filed the department's agents verify the facts alleged by questioning service station owners and residents in the vicinity of the affiant's home.

Davis Woman, 106, Has Quiet Birthday Today

SACRAMENTO —(UP)— One of the oldest residents of northern California, Mrs. Betsy Ann Judd Guthrie of Davis, will observe her 106th birthday today.

Still in good health and careful of her personal appearance, Mrs. Guthrie plans no celebration this year due to a recent death in the family.

Mrs. Guthrie, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, lives with her grandniece, Mrs. J. G. Rowe.

She was married in December, 1856, to the late Bartlett J. Guthrie. The couple moved to a Spanish land grant in what is now Solano county which they occupied for 53 years.

a description which is quoted to this day by historians although they have forgotten the source.

The paper also had its lighter moments. Oysters were served in the office at closing time and the Jenny Lind Theater was scolded for not providing The Western American with free passes.

But Pickett, operating on a shoe-string, began to be hard pressed. Advertising did not increase and his stock of newsprint began to run low. Finally Pickett fell ill and publication was suspended.

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TAHOE ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns of Tahoe Street entertained a house party of guests for the winter sports last week-end including Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Barnett, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Beck and Dr. Albion Cox, all of San Francisco.

Major and Mrs. C. B. Pedersen of San Francisco with their daughter, Miette, opened their Tahoe Park home Casa Sierra for a winter sports house party.

Other home owners who spent the holiday week-end at Tahoe included Mr. and Mrs. Remo Sbarboro of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hills who were at their Brockway home, Miss Helen Towne who entertained guests at her Sunnyside home and many others.

Dick Hinkle returned last week from a vacation in Berkeley. Mrs. Bliss Hinkle will return this week as school bells for Tahoe students will ring on Monday, March 3, for the spring term.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gallinger, who have been traveling through the south, including a trip to Boulder Dam, will also return for school opening, as will Mrs. James Dyer, the primary room teacher.

Tahoe Ski Club Conducts Dance on Saturday Night

TAHOE CITY— The Lake Tahoe Ski Club members gave a very successful dance on Saturday night for the visiting winter sports enthusiasts at Tahoe Community Center. Old time dances were mingled with modern.

The prize waltz was won by Miss Shirley Barker of San Rafael with Lyle Lewis of Tahoe as her partner, for the unmarried couples; and by Mr. and Mrs. C. Nuss, Jr., of Napa for the wedded pairs. The door prize was earned by Mrs. T. S. Ward of Oakland.

The hall was tastily decorated in patriotic colors.

Guests were present from all lake-shore communities, as well as Reno, Nevada and the bay regions.

The committee of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goss and Miss Edna Wheat deserve much credit for a well-run party. Others who assisted in making the affair a success were Mrs. Lee Garner, Marie Henry and the corps of ticket sellers.

Birthday, Dinner Parties Feature Week at Tahoe

TAHOE CITY— Mrs. Edwin Haugen of Cedar Crest entertained at a birthday luncheon and party in honor of the seventh birthday of her daughter, Lucile, on Monday. Games were the diversion of the afternoon with awards at Cootie going to Kenneth Crandall and Elaine Edwards. Others present included Mrs. Lee Garner, Mrs. Otis Hursey, with her sons, Robert and Roger, of Lake Forest, and Linda Kramer of Tahoe Tavern.

The Haugens were host to the Lee Garner's Monday night at dinner and pinocle.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stark of the Stanley Dollar Estate entertained at a dinner party on Friday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Schumacher of Tahoma who returned last week from a winter vacation spent at Compton and southern California points. The Schumachers are now occupying their recently completed new home at the lake resort.

TAHOE CITY— The level of Lake Tahoe on Monday, February 24, was 6226.87 feet above mean sea level with one gate open at the Truckee River Dam outlet and 54 cubic second feet of water leaving the lake. Temperatures on Sunday varied from a high of 42 degrees to a low of 30.

Half an inch of snow fell on Sunday—adding slightly to the snow pack which now measures 27 inches at the lake level. Total recorded precipitation last week was .98 of an inch of which .1 fell on Sunday.

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WINGS FOR AMERICA

by Don Wiley
MEMBER, AVIATION WRITERS ASSN

British aeronautical experts, we learn, are frankly worried over the possibility of a new Nazi aerial horror—stratosphere bombing.

From Berlin come reports of the development of an aircraft motor—the Mercedes-Benz DB603, a supercharged inverted V12 of 1500 to 1700 horsepower—which Nazi aviation circles claim will give considerable performance at at least 40,000 feet.

If these claims are true, Britain and defense aviation have a new challenge. Nazi bombers operating in the stratosphere could have a tremendous advantage—that of being able to come over in daylight and in full view of their targets with relative immunity from defending forces of existing types.

DEFENSE LACKING

Britain, so far as we can determine, has developed no defense against bombing from altitudes of 40,000 feet or more.

Writing in the London magazine "Flight" Noel Pemberton-Billing, somewhat of a viewer-with-alarm, but nonetheless a sound student of aeronautics, has the following to say about the high-altitude threat:

"If the enemy should develop a bomber capable of cruising over this country at 40,000 feet (to say nothing of the less likely 60,000 feet mentioned in rumors) it will be able to shower its bombs with complete immunity. Neither searchlights nor guns can reach this height....Nor are existing fighter aircraft of much greater value. Even if they can obtain warning of the enemy's arrival, they cannot climb above their ceiling of about 35,000 feet, and it takes them about half an hour to reach this height."

Yes, Britain has reason for alarm, though the alarm isn't necessarily immediate. For even if an adequate stratosphere motor has been developed, there are many other problems to be overcome by the Nazis. Not the least of these is the "supercharging" of pilots and bombardiers, either in pressure cabins (not very practical

because of the chance of the walls being holed by enemy fire) or in individual pressure suits to compensate for the effect of reduced pressure on the body at such heights.

California aircraft manufacturers have given close attention to the problem of substatosphere flying. For example, the Douglas Company has been carrying on research in this field since the development of the DC4. This airplane was conceived as a commercial substatosphere transport and required supercharged cabins to maintain comfortable pressures inside for the passengers. Recently Douglas has doubled its substatosphere experimental force.

CREDIT TO AMERICA

The subject of stratosphere bombing has led the British aviation magazines to unbend somewhat and give America credit for pioneering done in the fields of supercharged engines and pressure cabins.

Says Pemberton-Billing in "Flight": "Very little had been done in this country, prior to the war, in developing the practical aspect of high flying. As usual, America was doing it first, and we were still in the stage of amused apathy that always precedes our later frantic attempts to catch up with new American ideas."

And even more surprising, that usually haughty periodical, "Aeroplane", comes through with the following admission about supercharged motors:

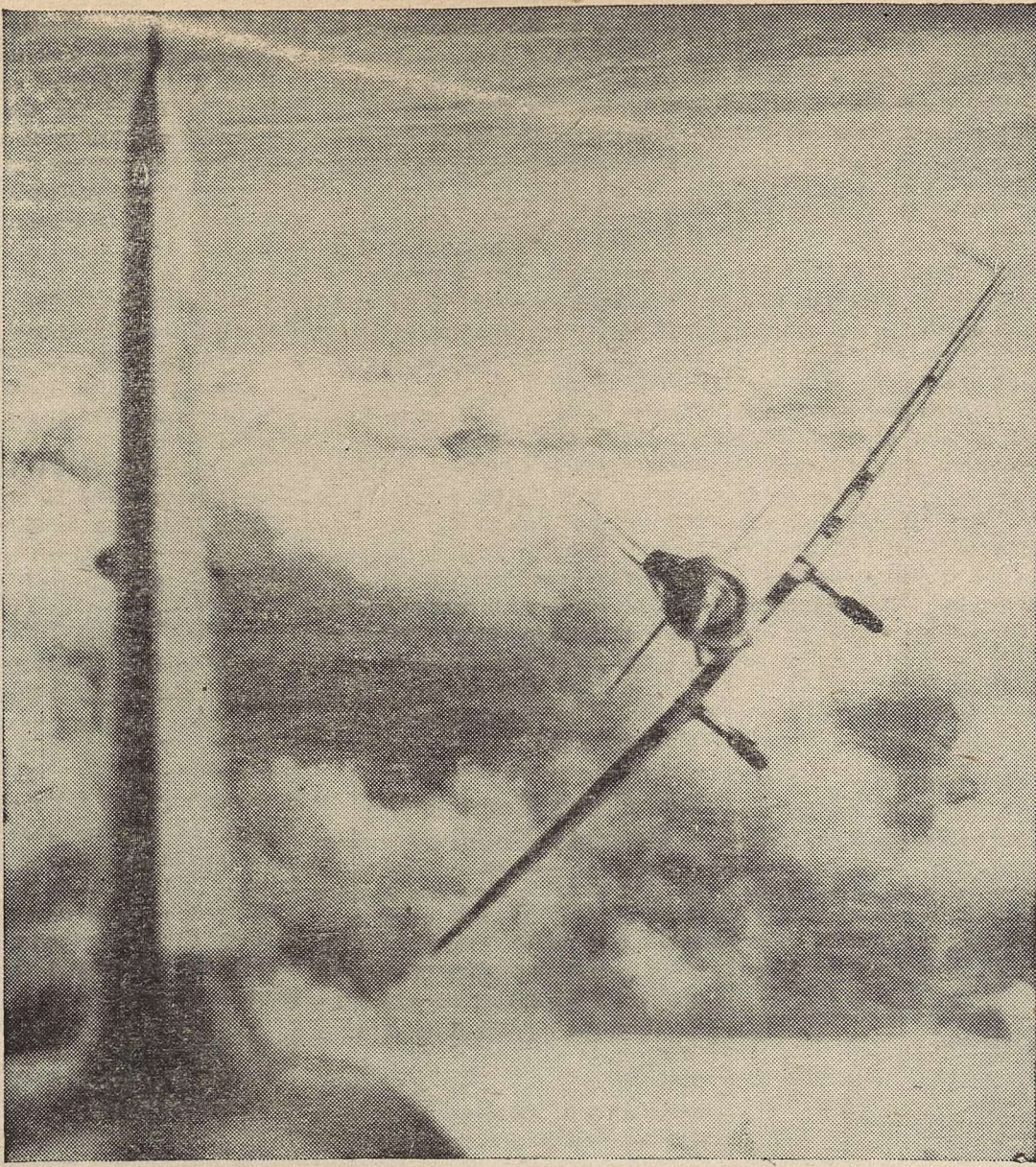
"We may learn something from America there."

HIGH FLYING

To which we heartily subscribe, American aircraft designers and engineers haven't overlooked many bets in the development of high-altitude performance in military and civilian aircraft. Most of the data about the former is secret, but if our information is correct, you'll find some form of turbo-supercharging in such Air Corps ships as the B17E version of the Boeing Flying Fortress, the Consolidated B24 bomber, the Douglas A20 attack bomber, the Lockheed P38 and the Republic P47.

Whether such motors will function efficiently at 40,000 feet hasn't been announced, but the spade work has certainly been done.

Luckily, He's Only Fooling



AIR FACTS

In event you're a little hazy on the matter, the simplest definition of a supercharged motor is one in which air is fed to the carburetors at approximately normal sea-level density, though the ship is operating at high altitudes where the air is extremely "thin."

It may seem incredible, but last year stewards aboard the big Pan-American clippers plying between San Francisco and Hongkong served 32,760 meals to passengers and flight crew members.

Even more incredible: Wing span of the giant Douglas bomber B19 (212 feet) is equal to the height of a 17-story building.

There's no delivery problem in the case of warplanes California manufacturers are building for Britain. A Consolidated patrol bomber, took off the day from San Diego. Exclusive of refueling and service, the crew expected to land it in England within 48 hours.

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Knifing through the air in his 150 mile an hour basic training plane, a Flying Cadet at Uncle Sam's giant "West Point of the Air" playfully stages a mock attack on the aerial cameraman high over Randolph Field, Texas. Both the rudder and elevators of the plane being "attacked" are clearly visible. Flying Cadets from every state in the nation are being trained as officer-pilots for the rapidly expanding Air Corps, 7,000 fliers plus 3600 bombardiers and navigators being the schedule for the coming twelve months.

Wee Bits Of Wisdom

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love. —Wordsworth,

Kindness in ourselves is the honey that blunts the sting of unkindness in another. —Landor.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. —J. M. Barrie.

The Man At the Keyhole

by OPERATIVE WB

When the income tax was considered exclusively the rich man's burden, the Man on the Street shed few tears over the plight of his well-to-do neighbor. But now that the federal tax has been revamped to reach the chap in the lower brackets, hellzapoppin. Congressmen are receiving nasty letters by the carload. And in California, petitions will go on the street shortly for outright repeal of the State income levy.

Charlie Lyon, the suave, debonaire, fast-thinking assemblyman from Los Angeles, is being boosted by his pals as a prospective candidate for Lieutenant Governor next year. Mr. Lyon is a right smart fellow. He might get there.

One's ability to walk a straight line, up to now, has always been proof abundant that one was a shade this side of being drunk and disorderly. But there's a bill in the Legislature which may change all that. Under this scientific proposal, if one has less than 5-100ths of 1 per cent of alcohol, by weight, in one's blood, one is stone sober, all lines to the contrary notwithstanding. But if one has more than 15-100ths of 1 per cent of Scotch in one's system, then one, perforce, is legally pifflicated. It's all very technical.

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Truckee ranked fifth as a port of entry, with 16,628 persons coming in. This total as exceeded by Yuma, Blythe, Yermo and Daggett.

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Visitors at Bick Home—

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gily and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Fairbanks of Reno were guests at the R. P. Bick home here on Sunday.

Gordon Scott of San Francisco formerly with the Bank of America here, accompanied by a party of friends from San Francisco enjoyed the winter sports here over the week end.

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Boys Trained Near Here Sweep State Ski Titles

Carl Bechdolt, Jr., of the Tahoe Ski Club, took second place with jumps of 130 and 147 feet for 217.6 points in the California class A state championship ski meet at Mt. Shasta on Sunday. He was defeated by Roy Mikkelsen, veteran jumper of the Auburn Ski Club. The meet was held in a pouring rain.

Dave Renner of the Lockheed Ski Club, a former local boy, was fifth in the class A event.

Byron Johnson, another former local boy now with the Auburn club, won the class B title with jumps of 81 and 97 feet and a total of 201.1. Billy Bechdolt of Tahoe won the class C championship with two leaps of 69 feet for 206 points. Pete Vanni, also of Tahoe, jumped 63 and 56 feet for 198.1 points and the class D crown.

The California Ski Association sponsored the tournament at Snowmen's Hill. The crowd was sparse because of the rain.

Visits From Capitol—

Miss Yvonne Garrison visited Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Meiss during the week-end and returned to Sacramento on Monday morning.

Donner Theater Offers Fine Films this Week

According to the program of the Donner Theater, March will come in like a lion and go out like a lion. Featuring the best the shadow industry offers, the Donner is off to a varied but consistently good program this week.

The overnight fame of a spinster school teacher who accidentally composes a sensational novelty tune, is the comedy theme of "Let's Make Music", starring the noted band leader, Bob Crosby, showing here on Saturday night.

"Santa Fe Trail", the new Errol Flynn-Olivia de Havilland co-starring picture, which has its local play here Sunday, brings to life some of the most colorful figures of American history. Dealing with the turbulent days of the era just prior to the Civil War, the story is said to top the thrills of "Dodge City", "Virginia City" and "The Sea Hawk."

Of particular local interest will be "Ski Patrol", on the local screen next Wednesday night.

Fish, Game Commission Protests Budget Paring

A press dispatch from Los Angeles says the state fish and game commission has voted unanimously to protest a slash of \$245,042 in the proposed \$1,730,405 budget for the 1941-1942 biennium by the state director of finance.

The cut, it was pointed out, would eliminate much new construction and expansion work of the fish hatcheries and game control and curtail the fish and game patrol.

The next meeting of the commission will be held at Fresno on March 21. At this meeting suggestions on the streams that should be opened or closed to trout fishing for the coming season will be considered. Nate Milnor, commission president, said that recommendations are now being received from sportsmen's organizations by the commission at its San Francisco offices.

Takes Examination—

Charles Elmer Pierce, Jr., left yesterday for Nevada City to undergo final physical examinations prior to being inducted into the U. S. Army for a year's training. He is accompanied to the county seat by his father.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Milligan will leave here soon to make their home in Modesto, where he has been transferred by the civil aeronautics authority.

Tahoe Officer Named as Regional Ski Patrol Head

TAHOE CITY— Constable Harry Johanson of Tahoe was recently appointed divisional chief of the National Ski Patrol for the Truckee-Tahoe area and has made and donated to the Lake Tahoe Ski Club one of the finest first aid toboggans ever constructed. It is mounted on ski runners, fully equipped with first aid kit, blankets, pillows, back rests, canvas storm covers, splints, and harnesses for four skiers to pull it with if necessary. Johanson usually uses his two big huskies, Nero and Leo, who have had years of experience in dog team work.

The constable is an experienced skier, having raced in Canada and Sweden as well as in California.

Lions Hear Report on Fresno Meet at Session

An interesting report of the mid-winter conference of District 4 held at Fresno recently was given by Secretary W. M. Englehart, Sr., at the meeting of the Truckee Lions Club last night. C. J. Bowers was appointed to arrange for a Ladies' Night in the near future. The meeting was held at Moro's Restaurant.

Among the guests were Joe Mattos, Jean Turnage, Nat Quilici and John Pettitt. W. M. Englehart, Jr., presided.

Vacationing—

Robert W. Seibold, resident fireman and employee of the Truckee-Tahoe Lumber Company, is vacationing in Los Angeles and the superior valleys this week.

On Duty—

Sergeant C. E. McKeen of the Sacramento county unit of the state highway patrol, was on duty in this district during the recent holiday. He is a former resident of Truckee.

From Bay Region—

Mrs. Lillian Braun of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith of Oakland were week-end guests of Mrs. Elsa Powell. Mrs. Braun is a sister of the local woman.

Outing Club Session—

There will be a meeting of the Truckee Outing Club at the fire house tonight at 8 o'clock P. M., according to Secretary V. E. Pearson.

Moving Equipment—

Dr. W. D. Teeple of San Diego was here moving his dental office equipment this week and announces he does not intend to reopen here in the spring.

Wyethia Club to Welcome Federation Officer Soon

The district president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. George of Willows, will be the guest of honor at the Wyethia Club's meeting on March 6, according to Mrs. Rufus Gregory, publicity chairman.

Mrs. Frank Titus and Mrs. Grant Keetch will be the hostesses for the afternoon and Mrs. James Garibaldi, Wyethia president, urges a good attendance to welcome the visitor.

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Local Pythians Pay Visit To Alpine Lodge, Fallon

A delegation of eight members of Summit Lodge No. 54, Knights of Pythias, headed by Chancellor Commander Robert B. Tonini, traveled to Fallon Monday night to visit Alpine Lodge No. 24 on the occasion of the official visit of Grand Chancellor M. C. Hursey of the domain of Nevada. Clark Gill, Jr., of Reno was inducted into the rank of equire at the meeting.

Harold Laity and Frank Gaiennie of the local lodge both contributed to the program that followed the business session.



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